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S.S.L.C. Examination held in March 1954.

* 1317 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of pupils who appeared for the S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1954; and

(*b*) the number of pupils detained from appearing for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 53,461.

" (*b*) 6,230 approximately."

Assignment of poramboke lands to the Harijans of Panjetti village, Ponneri taluk.

* 1318 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri O. Chengam Pillai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any petitions were received by Government recently from the Harijan ryots of Panjetti village, Ponneri taluk, in connection with the cutting off of their crops before they were ripe by the Revenue authorities;

(*b*) whether the crops so cut were returned to the said ryots on their request; and

(*c*) whether the Harijan ryots petitioned to the Revenue authorities for the assignment of the concerned poramboke lands from which the crops were cut for cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir."

Reform of local administration.

* 1319 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the Government propose to appoint the Committee to go into the question of reform of local administration?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The matter is under consideration."

Opening of a rural dispensary at Mothil in Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 1320 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Rural Welfare Officer of Payyanur firka, North Malabar, has recommended to the Government to open a rural dispensary and appoint a midwife at Mothil in Payyanur firka; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?